Implementation of Employment Guarantee Act

896. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a signature campaign for implementation of the proposed Employment Guarantee Act at the earliest;

(b) whether Government are also aware that this Act will go a long way towards protecting rural households from poverty and hunger and also slow down of rural-urban migration, employment of women and revival of Gram Panchayats;

(c) if so, whether Government are taking any steps to pass the Act immediately;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any reservation to some provisions are there; and

(f) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (f) National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill, 2004 was introduced in Lok Sabha by the Government on 21.12.2004. It has been referred to the Standing Committee on Rural Development by Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha for examination and its recommendations.

Funds allotted for Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme

897. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allotted to Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme has been utilized fully by the various States;

(b) if so, the details of funds allotted and utilized and employment generated under Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme for the last three years, year-wise, state-wise and category-wise;

(c) whether the allocation for Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme is to be replaced by any other identical schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No such programme, namely, the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme is being implemented by this Ministry.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Proposal for TSC from Tamil Nadu

898. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal relating to the Total Sanitation Campaign from the Tamil Nadu Government for implementation of this programme;

(b) if so, the details and action taken thereon by Government; and

(c) the funds projected/allocated for the TSC programme during the financial years 2004-2005 and 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) projects in all districts of Tamil Nadu have been sanctioned. In these projects, funds are released to the districts based on the demand raised by them and there is no fixed allocation.

In the current financial year (2004-05), Rs. 109.70 crore has been released to different districts of Tamil Nadu. In the year 2005-06, funds will be released based on the proposals received from the State Government.

It is to be further added that the performance of sanitation campaign is satisfactory. 13 Gram Panchayats and one Block Panchayat have recently been given Nirmal Gram Puraskars.

Implementation of Swajaldhara Scheme in Jharkhand

899. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of project proposals submitted by Jharkhand for implementation of Swajaldhara Scheme since its inception and projects received approval;

(b) the funds allocated during 2002-03,2003-04 and for the current year to Jharkhand for the implementation of the projects under the scheme;